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ARMED CRACK DEALER SENTENCED TO 13 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON

Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Larry Harvey of Janesville, Wisconsin, DOB: 09/11/1979, was sentenced today by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 13 years in prison, followed by a five-year term of supervised release, for possessing 50 grams of crack cocaine with intent to distribute, and with knowingly and intentionally carrying a firearm in furtherance of that drug trafficking crime. Harvey pleaded guilty to these charges on April 19, 2005.

Harvey was arrested after the Beloit Police Department initiated a traffic stop of his vehicle on January 7, 2005. After observing open intoxicants, the police searched the vehicle. In the glove box officers located a scale, the crack cocaine, approximately 12 grams of powder cocaine, and a loaded handgun that had an obliterated serial number. Harvey also had \$2,566 United States currency in his possession.

The charges against Harvey were the result of an ongoing Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative in Rock County. The investigation was conducted by the Beloit Police Department's Drug and Gang Unit. The prosecution of the case has been

handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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